

## HIGH RENTS MAY CAUSE CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE

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Congressional investigation of alleged profiteering in house renting in Washington threatened. Real estate men of the city said today they would welcome it as the best means of refuting unfair stories afloat.

It is manifest, from reports and from inquiries, that there have lately been increases in apartment house rentals, and a number of people have received notice that the prices paid by them will be increased beginning January 1. Numerous conflicts between tenants and landlords in the last few months are to be settled in the District courts.

### Real Estate Men Deny Charge.

Real estate men admit that there are instances of increased rentals, but declared today that, in the main, there have been neither advances in apartment houses nor in single houses. They go further and declare that, in proportion to the increase in the high cost of living generally, rents in Washington are below what they should be, but that they are uniformly discouraging clients from holding rents on the broad policy that Washington wants to bring every possible man and woman here to live.

The assertion is made by the most responsible men in the real estate field that the majority of landlords still charge no more for rents now than before the war began, despite the fact that there is a serious scramble for houses. Without exception the agents declared that the foundation for the widespread charges of rent extortion has been due to two things—the willingness of richmen to pay unheard-of prices for furnished apartments or homes and the speculation of a few people in furnished apartments.

### Solons Hard Put for Homes.

Congressmen reaching Washington for the regular session of Congress have been hard hit in finding suitable homes and have had to put up with accommodations they were never before accustomed to, or pay prices in hotels or boarding houses that furnished places at prices that are sky high. Some of them have unhesitatingly expressed themselves freely and indignantly in real estate offices, although informed as to the serious situation throughout the city.

For months it has been known that Washington people have had fabulous offers made them for their furnished homes, and many have rented at the prices practically forced upon them. Families with comfortable homes have been approached by representatives of wealthy men who have come here to take high Government positions and asked what they would rent for. Frequently the have sought to get rid of the inquiries by saying that they would not give up their homes for less than prices they thought would be so high the representatives would be discouraged. The figures they gave were arranged up without a minute's delay. The owners have had to leave the city or find quarters with relatives and friends. Small fortunes have thus been made for leases of six months or a year.

A new line of speculation developed some months ago. A half dozen shrewd people who foresaw what was coming here leased apartments from owners or agents for themselves, promptly furnished these apartments, and as promptly sub-rented them at figures that will pay for the rent and furniture in a short time.

### May Stop Sub-Renting.

The real estate exchange has a committee investigating this particular situation. Two or three large apartment house owners have reached the conclusion that they will not permit sub-renting under circumstances that will allow speculation and thus cause reflection upon them. Before Washington houses so crowded with sub-renting their apartments in their absence.

It is also admitted in real estate circles that there are individual cases of owners of houses who are unconcerned about broader and patriotic motives in fair and lenient treatment of renters, and are out for all they can get in the present state of things, but again the agents say that these cases are many times outweighed by the attitude of most landlords in declining to take advantage of opportunities for gouging that are plainly theirs.

Another class of landlords is that which owned houses before the war and at a low scale of rental for houses

## German Church Leads With 50 Fighting Men In U. S. Army and Navy

PITTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 4.—The German Lutheran Church here is today displaying a flag bearing more service stars than any other in the city. There are fifty stars on the flag, being the number from the parish who are rendering war service. All are Americans of German ancestry.

The Second Presbyterian Church also has a service flag. It bears sixteen stars.

The two service flags were unfurled yesterday for the first time, and were presented by Sunday school workers in each case.

that were not attractive. These landlords have put the houses in good condition at much expense and raised rent accordingly. It was stated today.

"The policy of the real estate exchange is to discourage general increases in rents," said Charles Fairfax, president of the exchange. "This is done in the face of heavy increases in cost of repairs. We will shortly open a central bureau of registration for the benefit of strangers in Washington. At this bureau will be registered every vacant apartment or house in the District, and the work, maintained at our expense, will be to assist in every possible way in housing new people."

### Renters Should Be Reasonable.

"While we are seeking to induce owners of houses to maintain the former rent scale we think it only fair that tenants, realizing the high costs for repairs, coal and everything else, should be reasonable in their demands for repairs. If they will ask for necessary things only, I believe the owners will be disposed to be fair. Let us all co-operate in a spirit of fairness in the existing emergency."

No definite plan has been worked out in Congress for a real estate investigation, but it was taken for granted today that there should be one. It will include the general subject of housing conditions in the District, with the object of early action for relief for the thousands of army and navy officers, soldiers, sailors and Government employes who will continue to swell the population for another six months or year, or longer.

An extreme view uttered today by a Washington attorney with several rental squabbles on hand was that Congress may be called upon to commandeer apartment and other houses in Washington, which he claims it could do under war laws.

## COLUMBIA CLOSED TO ALL ACADEMIC BOLSHEVIKI IDEAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Columbia University's first detailed explanation of the principles underlying the recent dismissal of Prof. J. McKeen Cattell and Henry W. L. Dana are made public in the annual report of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the institution.

Dr. Butler explains at length the difference between academic freedom and license, and also warns against the menace of the rule of "literary or academic Bolsheviki." He quotes the epigram, "Academic freedom means freedom to say what you think without thinking what you say," and then continues:

### Freedom Safe in U. S.

"There is no real reason to fear that academic freedom, whether so defined or otherwise, is or ever has been in the slightest danger in the United States. Evidence to the contrary is quite too manifold and too abundant."

"What is constantly in danger, however, is a just sense of academic obligation. When a teacher accepts an invitation to become a member of an academic society he thereupon loses some of the freedom that he formerly possessed."

### Teachers Not Exempt.

"He remains, as before, subject to the restrictions and punishments of the law; but in addition he has voluntarily accepted the restrictions put upon him by the traditions, the organization and the purposes of the institution with which he has become associated. Try as he may, he can no longer write or speak in his own name alone."

"The time has not yet come, however, when rational persons can contemplate with satisfaction the rule of the literary and academic Bolsheviki, or permit them to seize the responsibility for the intellectual life of the nation. Men of mature years who have achieved reputation enough to be invited to occupy a post of responsibility in a university ought not to have to be reminded that there is such a thing as academic obligation and that they fall short in it."

## MRS. DE SAULLES IS MADE ILL BY STRAIN OF TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Reaction from the strain of her trial caused Mrs. Bianca De Saulles to spend most of yesterday in bed at her home in Roslyn, L. I. Her boy, who was voluntarily returned to her on Sunday by his father's relatives, played about the house and showed off his new dog for visitors.

Dr. J. Sherman Wight, whose testimony was said by one of the jurors yesterday to be one of the strongest factors causing a verdict of unqualified acquittal, is attending both Mrs. De Saulles and her mother, Mrs. Ernaur, who is seriously ill of heart trouble.

As soon as the mother is able to travel she will probably return to Chile with her son William. The daughter, Amalia, may stay with Mrs. De Saulles at Roslyn this winter and accompany Mrs. De Saulles and the little boy to South America next spring.

### Congratulations by Wire.

A great many letters and telegrams congratulating her on the outcome of the trial have been received by Mrs. De Saulles. She has not made any of them public.

John L. De Saulles left no legal will; an unsigned document was found among his papers. His entire estate, therefore, goes to the boy. Appointment of an administrator was delayed pending the end of the murder case. It is thought that the brother, Charles De Saulles, will be appointed administrator, and that to prevent any possible complications Mrs. De Saulles will have herself made by formal decree the guardian of her son.

There is pending before Surrogate Fowler an application made by Charles De Saulles for an appointment of a guardian for his nephew. The mother, through her lawyers, opposed the application. In November the surrogate gave an opinion that the agreement whereby the mother was to have the boy seven months in the year and the father was to have him five months was automatically terminated by De Saulles' death.

As the mother was "civilly dead" while under indictment on a murder charge, the boy was left subject to no legal control whatever while she was in jail, the surrogate said. He continued the proceedings for another hearing, which has not been held and is not likely to be, in view of the uncontroverted right in the child which the mother now enjoys.

### Explained by Juror.

The juror who talked yesterday but would not let his name be used, said in speaking of Dr. Wight:

"His demeanor on the stand, his lucid telling of what there was to tell and his positiveness had great weight with us. He did not, another fact with long words and medical terms, but told us just what he found and what they meant. Under cross-examination he remained unshaken."

"The story of the defendant herself stood out throughout the trial. It was proved to us beyond a doubt that she had a right to her child on the night of the shooting. The letters of Mrs. De Saulles, in which she blamed herself for much of the trouble of her married life, we thought was effectively turned against the district attorney by Mr. Uferhart when the latter said: 'She is always taking the full blame for everything on her own shoulders.'"

"A witness who helped us to make up our minds was Julius Hadenak, the de Saulles valet, who told of informing Mrs. De Saulles over the telephone, at the bidding of his master, that he was not at home just before she started for the box. His testimony was of more value to the defense than to the State, which called him."

This juror said that while it probably had no bearing on the verdict, the jury was not favorably impressed with the conduct of some of de Saulles' relatives. The juror remarked that one of these relatives "kept smiling in a sardonic way" whenever the district attorney scored against the defense.

## PICK ARCHITECT TO BUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Clarence T. McFarland, of Boston, has been chosen as the architect for the buildings that are to be erected in Brookline, Mass., by the Christian Science Benevolent Association. Frank H. Anderson, of Chicago, has been appointed to receive bids from contractors for the erection of the buildings and to supervise their construction.

Announcement was made by the Christian Science board of directors in October, 1916, that a new department of the organized work of Christian Science had been instituted, to be known as the Christian Science Benevolent Association. Preparations are now under way for the first four of a group of buildings which are to be erected on the twenty-acre tract of land on Single Tree Hill, Brookline, donated for this purpose by Mrs. John M. Longyear.

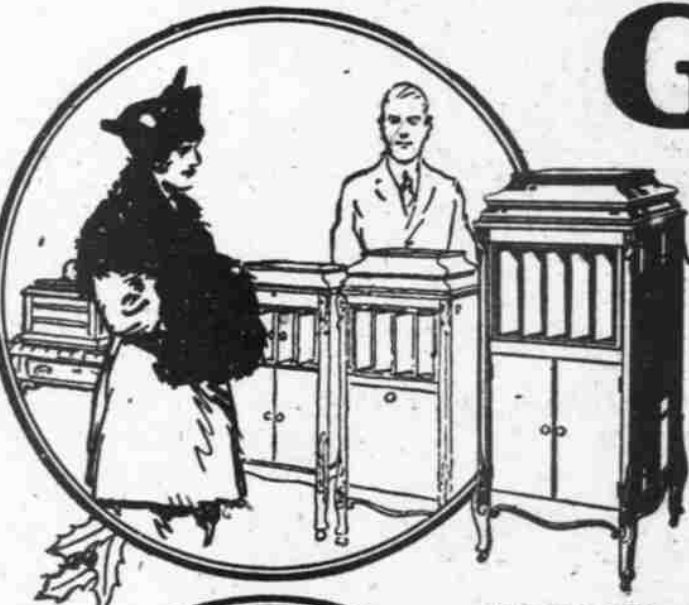
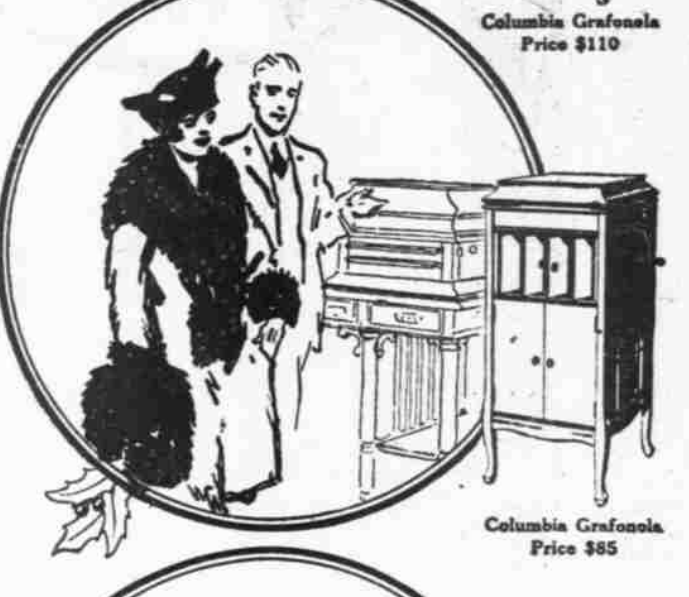
## P. M. CORR CHARGES WIFE DESERTED HIM

Asking the court to declare him "sole, single, and unmarried," Philip M. Corr today filed suit for absolute divorce from Mary J. Corr, alleging desertion and misconduct. Mr. Corr, who is represented by Attorney Edward L. Fieis, alleges that they were married in this city April 5, 1909, and there are two children, for whose custody Mr. Corr petitions the court.

## \$100 CASH BAIL FOR STOLEN LOAF OF BREAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Held for trial on the charge of stealing 10 cents worth of bread, Andrew White, sixty-eight years old, untouched attaché of the West Side court by producing a large roll of bills and paying over his bail of \$100 to the clerk of the court.

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According to Mrs. John McDermott of 2334 Mountain St., Phila., Pa., who is the mother of three-year old Francis, the best way to reduce the cost of living is by keeping healthy. Mrs. McDermott says that Father John's Medicine has saved her many doctor's bills and has kept her baby and the members of her family well and strong.

Many other mothers have found Father John's Medicine the safest and best family remedy because it builds new flesh and strength,

soothes the throat and helps to get rid of colds and coughs without using alcohol or dangerous drugs in any form.

### "KEEPING BABY HEALTHY"

"My baby boy was pale and thin, and his food didn't agree with him but since I have given him Father John's Medicine he has good color and it has done him a world of good. I have given Father John's Medicine to my little girl, too, and it built her up." (Signed) Mrs. William Lee, 18 Monmouth street, Lawrence, Mass. Best for colds and coughs, no alcohol or dangerous drugs. All pure nourishment for those who are weak and run down.

